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FACT SHEET

Urban Revitalization Program (URP)

OVERVIEW

URP provides support for the last stage of reclamation of a former industrial area in the Baghe Qazi District in the Old City of Kabul and its conversion into a park. URP will publish an Urban Synthesis and Analysis report that will develop a better understanding of the urban realities in Kabul as well as serving as a model for reform of urban management and of the planning process in Kabul and throughout Afghanistan.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Clear the premises and demolish mud-brick stores inside the garden
- Level site for planting
- Extend storm water drains around the perimeter and link them to the main drain to the north of the garden
- Extend fence to the entire perimeter wall
- Import additional fertile soil for planting 2000 additional trees
- Placed a network of stone-paved pathways across the site for pedestrians
- Build a multi- purpose pitch that can be used for both cricket and soccer
- Renovate existing municipal public toilet block
- Analyze housing, land, infrastructure, access and transportation, public services and facilities, urban economy/livelihood, and urban planning initiatives and growth management

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Generated 4,330 man/days for skilled labor and approximately 15,000 man/days for un-skilled labor
- Demolished 300 mud-brick and concrete stores, which covered 2.1 hectare area and removed 850 cubic meters debris
- Leveled 4,650 cubic meters of soil, allowing for the creation of an appropriate planting surface and the formulation of man-made topographical feature on the site
- Constructed 700 cubic meters of additional stone work; and a 215 linear meter wall was enclosed with fence
- Built 100 linear meters of storm water drains
- Planted 400 trees
- Collected and digested relevant surveys, studies, and research on the urban environment